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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

You are quoted in the Feb. 1976 issue of OUI magazine as saying, "I'm a cantankerous old bastard". After your last letter to me, I would have to agree with your assessment. In fact, that's probably the only thing that you've ever said that even Mark Lane would agree with.

I'm sorry that you were exasperated by my letter. I misunderstood what you were trying to say - I thought that you were saying that you had copies of the Dallas teletypes and were referring to the tape transcript being withheld.

You yourself stated that you could not find the Heitman file and that you thought that it may have gotten filed under the name of the Congressman - but, you couldn't recall his name. Not knowing what the Congressman's name may have been, I took an educated guess that it may have been Eldon Rudd and that possibly you could still find the Heitman file if you looked there.

As far as me being unaware of the information that you have published, I am totally aware of your work - which is unprecedented. I purchased all of your books directly from you - with the exception of Oswald In New Orleans which I had to purchase from a rare book dealer. And throughout the years, I have tried to follow your shining example, and use only research that could be documented. Recently, I sent you copies of letters from David Belin and W. David Slawson documenting that the Warren Commission actually had access to the Mexico City CIA tape allegedly of Lee Harvey Oswald. This was something that even you did not know.

As a former plainclothes police detective, I feel that I'm no slouch when it comes to investigative techniques. And through my contributions to the research effort, although not as grandiose as yours, I feel that I have paid my dues to join that elite circle of responsible researchers.

I would hope that I never get to the point where I am rude, crude and ignorant to any other researcher who is asking for assistance - for the Kennedy assassination researchers are slowly dwindling away - and eventually there may not be anyone left to carry out the fight for the truth!

Regards,

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